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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing references that are also enclosed. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3), Applicant submits a concise explanation of the relevance of each of the foreign patents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 which are not in the English language as follows:

Swiss Patent No. 670,955 A5, issued to Herrli, relates to a two piece connector for switching between fluid containers.

European Patent Publication No. 263,789, to Herrli, relates to a two piece connector for switching between fluid or gas containers.

French Publication No. 2,439,022 to Brandt, relates to a connector including a catheter or a nozzle.

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Respectfully submitted,

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